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CAUTION: Do not add optional hardware devices to your computer until the operating system is successfully installed. Doing so may cause errors and may prevent the operating system from installing properly.

Microsoft Windows 95

The first time you turn on your computer, Microsoft Windows 95 is automatically installed for you. This takes approximately 5 to 15 minutes, depending on your system hardware configuration. At the beginning of the installation process, you are prompted to select the appropriate language for your operating system. Read and follow the instructions that appear on the screen to complete the installation.

CAUTION: Once the automatic installation has begun, DO NOT TURN OFF YOUR COMPUTER UNTIL THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE. Turning off your computer during the installation process might damage the software that runs your computer.

When the Welcome to Windows 95 screen is displayed, the installation process is complete.

Microsoft Windows NT 4.0

The first time you turn on your computer, Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 is automatically installed for you. This takes approximately 30 minutes, depending on your system hardware configuration. At the beginning of the installation process, you are prompted to select the appropriate language for your operating system. Read and follow the instructions that appear on the screen to complete the installation.

Before installing any optional equipment, you must complete the entire Windows NT installation process. Then install the optional equipment and any support software or device drivers provided in the option kit.

Installing Windows NT Over a Network

Network installation is used primarily for installing or upgrading Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 over a local area network. It can also be used to install additional drivers or files with Windows NT.

> ✎ This capability does not imply the grant of a site license for Microsoft Windows NT Workstation and should only be used to install the operating system on computers for which the appropriate software license has already been obtained.

Use this installation method if you or your organization opt to deploy Windows NT using a distribution share point over a network connection.

The Windows NT installation that is completed when you first turn on your computer creates an I386 directory. This directory and its subdirectories provide the Compaq specific integration of Windows NT for your computer model. This image, license permitting, can be used as a distribution share point to deploy Windows NT over a network connection.

To use distribution share point to install or upgrade Windows NT, see the Windows NT Resource Kit and its documentation.

Installing or Upgrading Device Drivers

If you wish to install hardware devices such as a printer, a display adapter, a network adapter or other device after the Windows NT installation is completed, Windows NT needs access to the appropriate software drivers for the devices.

The I386 directory and its subdirectories provide the Compaq specific integration of Windows NT for your computer model and include device drivers supported by Windows NT.

When prompted for the I386 directory on the Windows NT CD, replace the path specification with C:\I386 or use the browse button of the dialog box to browse the computer for the I386 folder. This points Windows NT to the appropriate drivers and allows installation of the device to be completed.

Creating an Emergency Repair Diskette

> ✎ The following section does not apply to the Deskpro 4000N Series of Personal Computers.

After installing Microsoft Windows NT, you should create an Emergency Repair Diskette. To create the Emergency Repair Diskette, you need one blank, formatted diskette. Then, complete the following steps:

1. Click Start.
2. Click Compaq Information Center.
3. Click Create Emergency Repair Diskette.
4. Read and follow the instructions that appear on the screen.

You will also need to create a set of boot diskettes. These diskettes are required to start the computer should you ever need to use your Emergency Repair Diskette. To create boot diskettes, you need three blank, formatted diskettes. Then, complete the following steps:

1. Click Start.
2. Click Compaq Information Center.
3. Click Create Boot Diskettes.
4. Read and follow the instructions that appear on the screen.

Using the Emergency Repair Diskette

✎ The following section does not apply to the Deskpro 4000N Series of Personal Computers.

To use the Emergency Repair Diskette if your computer is not equipped with the LS-120 drive, insert the first boot diskette in the diskette drive and restart the computer. Follow the instructions displayed on the screen.

To use the Emergency Repair Diskette if your computer is equipped with the LS-120 drive, follow the instructions below:

1. Restart the computer using the Microsoft Windows NT Boot Disk 1.
2. Press the F6 key when the message "Setup is inspecting your computer's hardware configuration..." appears on your screen.
3. When asked if you want to specify a storage device, press S and select the Compaq ATAPI/IDE/LS-120 Controller from the list.
4. When asked again if you want to specify a storage device, press the Enter key.
5. Follow the rest of the installation procedures as outlined in the operating system documentation from Microsoft.

Be sure to register your computer, following the instructions on the registration card included. For more information about your computer, its features, and how to use them, read the Reference Guide and other documentation included with your computer.

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